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STRAIGHT TALK.

COAL MINE HORROR.

TO CONSIDER COTTON LOAN. TO ATTEND BIG CORN SHOW.

CORN CROWNED KING.

JOE BROWN WINS.

SEARCHING DIAGNOSIS OF CONDITIONS IN SUMTER.

The Chief Obstacle To the Legitimate Growth of This City Along Industrial Lines—Substantial Co-operation and Intelligent Utilization of Opportunities for Self Help The Need of the Hour.

Editor Daily Item.

Your editorial regarding the Chamber of Commerce is certainly timely and pertinent. In discussing the proposed shoe factory with Mr. Snell today, I mentioned the absurdity of the city raising \$4,500 to hire a secretary and advertise the city if the people did not intend making use of the advantages offered us through his efforts and that of the various committees. It seems to me that the present conditions of trade in the city would certainly appeal to the selfishness of the merchants, if they have no public spirit, and make them realize the necessity of having industrial enterprises to employ labor to purchase their stocks when the farmers' conditions are as now. What are the conditions with the merchants today? The clothiers, dry goods and shoe merchants are selling their stocks at cost and below cost in the early part of December, when they should be making a profit on their sales. Why? Every one knows the answer. The price of cotton. What are they going to do when they get the small surplus that the citizens, who are not merchants, and the farmers feel they must spend for their needs and they still have a considerable amount of the stock on hand that they bought, expecting to sell to the community getting 12 to 15 cents for cotton? They will have to convert it into cash at whatever price they can get, or carry them over next fall when they will not bring cost without anything being said of the money invested in the cotton.

What will the conditions be next fall. As it now stands Sumter is merely an agricultural city. I am not to say town, because it is hard to conceive of a city sitting down and waiting for the farmer to make good and to obtain its share of prosperity from him. It is true we have a few industrial enterprises, but only enough to keep the merchants and clerks too busy to run to the front door in summer as they used to do when some wag would turn loose a rabbit or do some other such stunt. If the farmers cannot buy now, will they be able to do so in the spring, and while they may, by curtailing the acreage of cotton, put themselves in a better financial condition regarding their obligations, will they have any surplus money to buy these merchant's offerings next fall? The farmers are rapidly awakening to the fact that they must change their ways and business methods and if these merchants are wise they will prepare for this change by creating other customers to supplement the changed conditions of the farmers, both in selling their products and supplying their needs. The only way the merchants can do this is by encouraging manufacturing establishments in our city to employ labor and the only way to encourage them is to investigate what is offered and if it does not appear good, turn it down, but if it appears sound and good invest money in it and watch it and help it to grow.

The committees in going around among the merchants performing the duty assigned them are frequently asked how much did Mr. So and So subscribe and are told that they ought to have made Mr. So and So give double or treble the amount, but when the committee asks our advisors how much they will subscribe, the reply is frequently, "Oh, I can't give anything," "I would like to, but I am going to do this and that or have done it," "I am satisfied it is one of the best things that could be started," "It is sure to pay handsomely and is the very thing we need, but I am sorry I can not subscribe," "I have—," well the reasons are so varied that they alone would fill your paper, Mr. Editor, but I am forced to conclude that the main one is, let some one else do it, and we will get part of the benefits anyhow.

There are many merchants that are today selling at and below cost who evidently feel they have done their whole duty toward the Chamber of Commerce when they subscribed \$10, \$20, or \$30 for membership fees, but I am glad to say that there

LITTLE HOPE FOR VICTIMS OF TENNESSEE DISASTER.

Heroic Rescue Work Under Way, but Greatly Retarded by Vast Quantity of Wreckage Blocking Entrance to Shaft—Three Escape Alive and Two Bodies Recovered.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Between 126 and 156 men, living or dead, is the probable number of men entombed here tonight in the Great Cross Mountain Coal Mine of the Knoxville Iron Company, as a result of today's explosion, according to the count made tonight by an official of the United Mine Workers of America. They had entered to begin the day's work when a terrific explosion wrecked the workings.

Three only have come out alive. They had entered a lateral off the main shaft and succeeded in getting into the open before the flames and smoke caught them. The body of Lee Holston, operator of the mine's fan plant, was found buried and mangled under the cave-in in the main shaft.

Rescue workers are making scarcely any headway. The Government's rescue car and force is at hand as are many rescuers and engineers from all over the district.

The shafts extended more than two miles into the bowels of the mountains. According to President T. I. Stephenson, of the Iron Company, the men, if they had reached their posts, were in lateral shafts when the explosion, which blocked the main shafts, occurred. This encourages those on the surface to hope that many may be living.

FIRE AT MANNING CAUSES LOSS.

Fertilizer Factory Totally Destroyed, Resulting in Loss of \$25,000, Practically Covered by Insurance.

Manning, Dec. 7.—The fertilizer factory branch of the Manning Cotton Seed oil mill was totally destroyed by fire about noon today, entailing a loss of about \$25,000, practically covered by insurance. The building was a frame structure, comprising a two-story, in the central portion of which was situated machinery, mixing floors, and a wide single story shed on either side used for storage. When discovered the fire was burning at the junction of one shed with the upper portion of the two-story building. The supposition is that the fire started from a spark thrown off by a passing locomotive.

Besides the machinery there was stored in the building about 500 tons of cotton seed meal, and the only salvage was a few tons of meal.

C. R. Sprott, manager, says that as soon as the ruins can be cleared away work will commence on rebuilding, but there will necessarily be a late start for next season's fertilizer business.

Marriage License Record.

Only two marriage licenses were granted Saturday and Sunday and both of these went to negroes. The hearts made one by cupid were:

John Eubanks and Lucella Sumter of Oswego and Beauregard Murray and Louisa Wright of Oswego. The first named couple were married Sunday shortly after noon in the court house by Mr. Junius Parrott, deputy clerk of court.

are some among them also who can be counted on always to do their share, although they know that others as able as themselves do little or nothing. Is it fair that those who are always willing to assist, not only with their means, but also with their time, should be expected to do it all, all the time. It would be unreasonable, but it is not unreasonable to expect the others to at least attend a business call from the Chamber, when it is endeavoring to do something for their benefit. One thing that forcibly impressed me at the meeting the other day, was the absence of so many of the cost and below cost merchants and the attendance of a young man, who is in no wise connected or employed by any business in the city, but had enough interest to not only attend the meeting but also subscribe for stock to help get the enterprise.

Let each one do his share and we will succeed and each success will make the next undertaking easier. Help yourselves by helping Sumter get the shoe factory, which will mean more work for your secretary and the various committees in getting others, as well as more customers for your goods, at a legitimate profit.

J. W. McKEIVER, Chm. Committee on Manufactures.

FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN TO MEET.

Proposed Loan of \$50,000,000 by New York Syndicate to be Discussed at Capital Tomorrow.

Columbia, Dec. 11.—Farmers, bankers and merchants of South Carolina have been invited by Commissioner Watson, president of the Southern Cotton congress, to attend a conference with representatives of the New York banking firm that has offered a loan of \$50,000,000 to finance the cotton crop here tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the State house, when the plans for the loan will very probably be explained in detail. This announcement was made yesterday by Commissioner Watson in a telegram addressed to the State department of agriculture from Chicago, where he is attending the National Irrigation congress.

In his telegram Commissioner Watson also announced that headquarters of the National Drainage congress for conducting the campaign in the Eastern and Atlantic States will be located in Columbia. The work of directing the affairs of the congress will be under the direction of Commissioner Watson.

The following telegram was received yesterday at the department "Tell the press tonight to invite all farmers, bankers and merchants interested to meet at State library in the State house on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of meeting New York financiers and hear their proposition in regard to the loan of \$50,000,000 on 2,000,000 bales of present crop of cotton. Col. Thompson may be present. Also that headquarters of the National Drainage congress for conducting campaign in Eastern and Atlantic States will be located in Columbia under my execution and direction, and I will at once commence a vigorous campaign."

AFFAIRS AT MAYESVILLE.

Hotel Formally Opened—Anderson Hotel Changes Quarters—Personals.

Mayesville, Dec. 8.—Quite a lot of cotton was marketed here today, in fact much more than has been seen on streets in several weeks. The good weather either brought out the farmers or there were bills to be paid and the cotton had to be sold. There is still considerable cotton in the fields in some places but as a whole, the crop is about gathered in this part of the county. Many planters report a shortage of pickers this fall, which accounts for so much of the crop being in the fields in some sections. The hay crop hereabouts this fall has been remarkably abundant and is being gathered in larger quantities than usual.

The new Kineen Hotel was formally opened to the public on Wednesday. Proprietor McElveen had a sumptuous and bounteous dinner prepared on this date and about forty of the business men of the town registered besides a number of traveling men. The new hostelry is doing a nice business from the start and much praise is heard on all sides of the handsome hostelry and its management.

The Anderson Hotel has changed into larger quarters, the proprietors having rented the Strauss house on Railroad avenue. This location is a very desirable one and this well-known hotel will be better prepared to entertain the traveling public than ever before.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church is giving a "hot supper" this afternoon and tonight in the K. of P. hall, which will, no doubt, be well attended and a nice sum realized for a good cause.

Mr. T. M. Pace and family, who have been living here since January, have moved to Lake City, where Mr. Pace will engage in business.

Messrs. H. D. Barnett and A. A. Strauss of Sumter were in town on Wednesday night on business.

Miss Fannie Chandler went to Columbia today to attend her music class at the College for Women.

Mrs. T. L. Kahn spent today in Sumter on a shopping trip.

The work of grading the new A. C. L. freight yard is going on rapidly, despite the recent difference between council and the contractors, and already is nearing completion. There are still several trees and stumps to be moved, and one house in one end of the lot, before it is turned over by the contractors to the railroad company.

INVITATIONS EXTENDED TO 100,000 YESTERDAY.

Three States to be Represented at Largest Agricultural Exposition in the South.

Columbia, Dec. 9.—"The Second South Atlantic States Corn exposition will be held in Columbia December 11 to 15," was the message read over the telephone yesterday to 100,000 persons in North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina by officials of the Southern Bell Telephone company.

The corn show, which is to be the largest agricultural exposition held in the South, will open in Craven hall next Monday morning and it is expected that several thousand farmers and business men of the above named States will be present. The address of welcome will be delivered by Mayor Gibbs of Columbia. The information bureau of city council will find accommodations for all attending the show.

Everything is being placed in readiness for the show at Craven hall and the exhibits are arriving from all sections of the three States. There will be several thousand exhibits shown at the exposition and \$8,000, besides a number of handsome trophy cups will be given for the best corn shown.

It is the purpose of the management to make the exposition distinctly educational and to that end a corn-judging school and contest will be held. Well known agricultural experts have been secured to act as judges for the corn contest.

Special railroad rates have been granted over all railroads in the three States.

"I feel confident that the exposition will be a success," said A. D. Hudson of Newberry, the president of the exposition, who arrived yesterday to take charge of the final arrangements.

On Friday several hundred boys, members of the boys' corn clubs of North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina will attend the exposition when an address will be delivered by Bradford Knapp, head of the United States farm demonstration work. He will speak on an agricultural subject to be announced later. Several hundred members of the club will have exhibits at the show. There are a number of handsome prizes offered. Jerry Moore will attend the exposition. He remains the champion corn grower of the world, his yield of 228 bushels and 3 pecks not having been exceeded this year.

The exhibit of the boys from South Carolina will be under the direction of C. B. Hadden of Clemson college, who has charge of the work in this State. All boys intending to make exhibits should communicate with Mr. Haddon.

L. L. Baker, a member of the commission in charge of the show arrived yesterday and is giving assistance in the final preparations. "The Pee Dee section of the State will be well represented," said Mr. Baker. He is district agent for the United States farm demonstration work.

Fifteen ears of the 30 ears of corn that won the \$1,000 trophy cup at the New York agricultural show, which were grown by W. H. Dorin of Clover, Va., will be exhibited at the corn exposition here by the Coe-Mortimer Fertilizer company. Mr. Dorin was recently offered \$150 for the 15 ears of corn.

GARLINGTON AND YOUNG ENTER PRISON.

Commitment Papers Have Been Placed in Hands of Sheriff Coleman of Richland.

John Y. Garlington and James Stobo Young, former officers of the Seminole Securities company, under sentences of three years and one year respectively, of the charge of breach of trust, are expected to enter the State penitentiary today to begin the service of their terms. They have been held in the Richland county jail for the past several days.

It is rumored that attorneys representing the two defendants will bring habeas corpus proceedings before the State supreme court today pending an appeal to the United States supreme court.

It is rumored that the governor on Saturday, for the second time, refused to grant a pardon to Garlington and Young. The commitment papers have been placed in the hands of Sheriff Coleman of Richland county and will be served today unless otherwise ordered. State, Dec. 11.

Mrs. J. Keels, of Rembert, was in the city Monday.

SECOND SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES CORN SHOW OPENS TUESDAY.

Agricultural Experts of National Importance to be Present and Deliver Lectures—Accommodations Provided for Visitors.

Columbia, Dec. 11.—Corn will be crowned the "King of the South" when the second South Atlantic States Corn show, the largest agricultural exposition in this section opens tomorrow in Craven hall for four days. The exposition is held to encourage the farmers to grow more corn and thereby eliminate the "one-crop" idea prevalent in the South. Hundreds of exhibits have been received from the farmers of North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina and about \$8,000, besides a number of handsome trophy cups will be given for the best corn to be shown. Agricultural experts of national importance will attend the show and give their experience to the farmers in attendance. A most attractive programme including a wide range of subjects has been prepared and those attending besides seeing much fine corn will receive instructions as to how to breed and grow good corn. The doors to the exposition will be thrown open tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock when an address will be delivered by Mayor Gibbs of Columbia, who will give the visitors a cordial welcome to the capital city of South Carolina. The first corn show to be held in the South was held in Columbia a year ago, and as a result of that exposition the National Corn show was secured. Special rates have been granted by the railroads from all points in the above named States.

There will be many features to the corn show this year. The management has used every effort to make the fair distinctly educational in its nature. Corn men of national reputation will arrive tomorrow to act as judges for the corn judging contest and to deliver lectures at the judging school.

There are many visitors in Columbia just now, but the information bureau of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce will be able to accommodate as many as may attend the show. The manager of the bureau said yesterday that he would be able to find accommodations for several thousand.

Following the address of welcome tomorrow morning the exhibits will be thrown open to the inspection of the public. Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be an address at Craven hall by O. I. Tillman of the Agricultural and Mechanical college of North Carolina on "Seed Impurities."

Following the address, Lowndes Browning, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, will address "What the Farmers of South Carolina Should Do to Improve Their Condition."

At 8 o'clock Tuesday evening there will be an address by the governor and at 9 o'clock W. C. Vincent of Bluffton, chairman of the agricultural committee of the house, will discuss "Legislation Needed by the Farmers."

Among the well known agriculturalists to attend the exposition this year will be Jerry Moore of Florence county, who produced 228 bushels and three pecks of corn on one acre; L. B. Clore of Franklin, Ind., known as the "Corn King of America"; C. A. Keyle, one of the best known and most competent agricultural experts of the United States department of agriculture; Z. T. Drake who produced 255 bushels of corn on one acre of land, and Bradford Knapp, head of the United States farm demonstration work.

Several hundred boys, members of the boys' corn clubs of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, will attend the exposition on Friday, which has been designated as "Boys' Corn Club Day." Many of these boys have entered exhibits for prizes. There will be a large exhibit by the Georgia boys, a special car having arrived from Atlanta yesterday with the exhibits which were shown at the Atlanta exposition.

I. O. Schaub, who has charge of the boys' corn club work in North Carolina, arrived yesterday, with a large number of exhibits from that State.

The following is the educational programme for the exposition: 3 P. M.—"Adulteration of Farm Seeds and Method of Prevention." O. I. Tillman, North Carolina Agricultural college, West Raleigh, N. C. Wednesday, December 13. 11:30 A. M.—"Cotton Wilt and Anthracnose." H. W. Barre, Clemson

SWEEPS STATE IN GEORGIA GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY.

Judge Russell Local Option Candidate, Comes as Rather Poor Third. Unofficial Returns.

Atlanta, Dec. 8.—Unofficial returns from all the 146 counties of the State show that ex-Gov. Jos. M. Brown swept the State in the gubernatorial primary today. The counties are apportioned as follows: J. M. Brown, 84; Pope Brown, 10, and Judge R. B. Russell. The remaining two counties, Macon and Charlton, were between Pope Brown and Russell. The 84 counties give Gov. Brown 90 of the 368 electoral votes.

Local option as a political issue in Georgia received another set back in the gubernatorial primary in this State today in the defeat of Judge R. B. Russell, the local option candidate.

CAPT. JOHN BURDELL DEAD.

Figured in "Students Riot" at Columbia—Leaves Means for Hospital.

Camden, December 7.—Capt. John Burdell, one of the best known men in Kershaw county, who was also well known in Richland, Sumter and Fairfield counties, died at his home in West Waterlee Township on Thursday afternoon and was buried here on Saturday afternoon. The deceased was over 90 years old at the time of his death. Capt. Burdell's career has been a very interesting one. He was born in Sumter county and later moved to Richland county, where he afterwards became chief of police in Columbia. While serving as chief of police in Columbia, he figured very prominently in the well known "students riot." He arrested a student at the University of South Carolina, which later led to a riot, when the student body attempted to rescue the member of the body from the city guard house. Mr. Burdell placed himself at the door of the guard house and defied the students to attempt to attack the jail. The students made an attack on Mr. Burdell, and it is said that he knocked fifteen of them senseless, before he stopped the attack. This occurred before the Civil War, and was much talked about at the time. He served as chief of police in Columbia for twelve years, and was chief of police during the war. He afterwards resigned and sold his property in Columbia and invested his money in farming lands in Kershaw county, which were very cheap at that time. He held on to his property in this county, which later became very valuable, and is now said to be worth considerable over one hundred thousand dollars.

Capt. Burdell figured very prominently during the radical period, especially on "Black Friday." He rode up and down Main street here at that time and was largely instrumental in preventing the negroes starting any trouble.

Capt. Burdell left several plantations in trust with the president of the Bank of Camden, ministers of the Episcopal and Presbyterian church and his son, Dr. W. J. Burdell, to use the proceeds of the plantation to establish the "John Burdell Memorial Hospital for the Poor of Kershaw county." Among some of the plantations that he left to establish this memorial, are the Isbell and Harris plantations.

Capt. Burdell is survived by two sons, Dr. W. J. Burdell, of Lugoff, and James Burdell, of Savannah, and several sisters and brothers.

He figures very prominently in Julian Selby's Recollections of Columbia, and a book written by a Mr. Gibbs, of Columbia.

college.

3 P. M.—"Long Staple Cotton." D. R. Coker.

8 P. M.—"The Boll Weevil and Cotton Caterpillars and Their Effect Upon Cotton Production." A. F. Conrad, Clemson college.

Thursday, December 14.

11:30 A. M.—"Corn Improvement." C. A. Kyle, United States department of agriculture.

3 P. M.—"Northern Corn Growing." L. B. Clore, Franklin, Ind.

8 P. M.—"Southern Corn Growing." C. B. Williams, West Raleigh, N. C.

Friday, December 15.

11:30 A. M.—"Boys' Corn Clubs." J. P. Campbell, Athens, Ga.; I. O. Schaub, West Raleigh, N. C.; C. B. Hadden, Clemson college.

3 P. M.—Address, Bradford Knapp, United States department of agriculture.